

OPEN REPORT COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

#### Community and Environment Committee – 13 July 2023

## UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: PROGRAMME UPDATE AND DELIVERY APPROACH

#### **Report of the Director of Regeneration and Policy**

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#### Wards Affected

District-wide

#### **Report Summary**

This report updates Members on implementation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan for the Derbyshire Dales, including 'top-up' funding from the Rural England Prosperity Fund. The report covers progress with the programme, delivery challenges and proposals regarding grant administration.

#### Recommendations

- 1. That the update on the Derbyshire Dales UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme be welcomed, with progress to date and delivery risks be received and agreed.
- 2. That recruitment challenges impacting the delivery of the programme, and the approach to increase capacity set out in the report be received and agreed.
- 3. That the approach to delivering business grants under the Rural Innovation Grant scheme be received and agreed.
- 4. That proposals to secure additional enabling capacity to support strategic sites work as proposed in Section 2.7 Intervention E14 are developed for consideration by the UKSPF Partnership.
- 5. That the Council be recommended to consider an amendment to Contract Standing Orders in relation to the grants element of the UKSPF programme and requirements upon non-contracting authorities, specifically to increase the threshold for formal tenders for goods / supplies and works to over £75,000.

#### List of Appendices None

#### **Background Papers**

- Council 26 July 2022: UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Investment Plan Submission
- Council 2 March 2023: Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2026/27 Appendix E Supporting Information for UKSPF and REPF

#### Consideration of report by Council or other committee

Council – 27 July 2023

### Council Approval Required

Yes

#### Exempt from Press or Public

No

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#### 1. Background

- 1.1 Funded by Government, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) partially replace funding previously provided by the European Union. REPF is a rural 'top-up' to UKSPF and the combined fund is delivered as a single programme. Derbyshire Dales has been allocated a total of £2.7m capital and revenue to be spent by 31 March 2025.
- 1.2 Derbyshire Dales District Council is the Lead Local Authority (LLA) for UKSPF / REPF and a UKSPF Partnership Board been established to provide strategic oversight for the effective management and delivery of the programme. The Partnership Board, chaired by the Leader of the Council, is made up of local partners representing the public, private and voluntary sectors, and reflects UKSPF / REPF priorities.
- 1.3 Members were last updated on the position regarding the UKSPF Investment Plan and details of the REPF Addendum submission at the 2 March Council 2023 meeting. As a reminder, the programme was developed following Member workshops and partner engagement in 2022. It is based on clear evidence, and follows the UKSPF priorities of:
  - Communities and Place
  - Supporting Local Business
- 1.4 The programme aims to support business diversification, growth, adaptation and long-term resilience; as well as community projects which help strengthen local communities and foster local pride. Interventions include: business advice and grants; support to help businesses reduce their carbon footprint; site feasibility studies (strategic sites); a community resilience grant fund; and town centre improvements.
- 1.5 The UKSPF Investment Plan was approved in December 2022 and funding allocation for 2022/23 received on 27 January 2023. Approval of the REPF Addendum (approving top-up capital funding for 2023/24 and 204/25) was received on 6 April 2023.

#### 2. Key Issues

#### <u>Recruitment</u>

- 2.1 The post of Economic Development Manager, responsible for steering the programme, has been vacant since September 2022. It was advertised for a third time in April 2023 and the interview process has recently been concluded. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting. This permanent post is fully funded by the District Council.
- 2.2 The post of UKSPF Programme Co-ordinator has been vacant since December 2022. It was advertised for a second time in February 2023 but no appointment made. Subject to Job Evaluation, recruitment of a Claims and Monitoring Officer is now proposed in place of this role (post to be

shared with the Ashbourne Reborn LUF programme). UKSPF Programme Co-ordination is to be instead undertaken by the District Council's existing Economic Development Team (through re-prioritisation of roles). Alternative approaches to securing additional grant application appraisal capacity are also being pursued (see Section 3).

- 2.3 The challenge of recruiting staff in a competitive market, further constrained by the District Council's pay and grading structure and the temporary nature of posts, has unavoidably impacted on progressing elements of the programme.
- 2.4 The post of Derbyshire Dales Business Advisor (recently vacant) has been advertised (min 3 days per week fixed term contract until end of June 2025). The post is to be funded by UKSPF. Interviews were held on 22 June 2023. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

#### UKSPF Programme: Position and Progress

- 2.5 In line with government reporting requirements the District Council submitted a six-monthly monitoring return to the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on 2 May setting out progress during 2022/23. Within the report, the Council was also required to set out proposals for carrying forward expenditure from 2022/23 into 2023/24. As agreed at the Derbyshire Dales UKSPF Partnership Board meeting in February and reported to Council in March, as part of the change control process the majority of capital and revenue expenditure allocated in 2022/23 has been rolled forward into 2023/24. DLUHC require rolled forward funding from 2022/23 to be drawn down in 2023/24.
- 2.6 The submitted project level expenditure profile, incorporating REPF funding, is summarised below. The revised expenditure profile is subject to agreement with DLUHC (awaited at the time of writing).

TABLE 1					
Activity	Expenditure 2022/23	Forecast expenditure 2023/24	Forecast expenditure 2024/25	Total 2022 - 2025	
Matlock Western Gateway / Sustainable Town Centres	£18,985	£218,348	£631,404	£868,737	
Community Resilience Grants	£0	£60,000	£150,000	£210,000	
Site feasibility studies	£0	£40,000	£210,000	£250,000	
Rural Innovation Grants (business grants)	£0	£554,629	£371,371	£926,000	
Business start-up programme	£0	£7,067	£62,377	£69,444	
Derbyshire Dales Business Advice & Business Growth Programme	£0	£65,000	£90,103	£155,103	
Energy audit and carbon reduction (project now split – see narrative)	£0	£77,985	£68,220	£146,205	
Fund administration	£11,924	£36,076	£30,000	£78,000	
TOTALS	£30,909	£1,059,105	£1,613,475	£2,703,489	

2.7 The Derbyshire Dales registration process for UKSPF opened in December 2022, including inviting expressions of interest for the grants schemes. A brief description of each project and progress to date is summarised below (progress against programme output and outcome targets will be reported at future meetings of the Partnership Board and Committee):

#### Intervention E1 - Matlock Western Gateway / Sustainable Town Centres

Regeneration of the western entrance to Matlock town centre as part of the proposed Bakewell Road regeneration scheme, inc. public realm improvements and other town centre enhancements.

The District Council went out to tender in November 2022 and again in February this year after securing planning permission and completing the detailed design for the proposed conversion of Matlock's former Market Hall into a two-screen cinema. The proposed regeneration scheme also includes enclosing part of the existing bus bay area to provide a new food & beverage/retail unit and a package of works to the north side of Bakewell Road, (Matlock Western Gateway) comprising enhanced public realm and new public transport arrangements.

Following evaluation, unfortunately the second tender exercise has again concluded without a contractor appointment, illustrating the significant challenge of delivering the proposed scheme within the current volatile construction market, impacted by high cost inflation.

Both the team at the District Council and the proposed cinema operator remain committed to working together to pursue the scheme. Options, including further value engineering, reviewing the scope and phasing of the project, alternative procurement approaches prior to revisiting the programme with a view to a further procurement exercise(s) are to be considered at the Council meeting on 27 July.

As Members will be aware, additional UKSPF/REPF funding was allocated to the scheme (subject to a review of final scheme proposals) at 2 March Council. The timescales for delivery of capital grant funding allocated to the project within the remaining period of UKSPF will be a key consideration and therefore this intervention is currently identified as a <u>delivery risk</u>.

#### Interventions E2/E9/E11 - Community Resilience Grant (CRG) scheme

For eligible voluntary and community sector organisations, not for profit organisations, social enterprises and parish and town councils. Grants to support community-led projects which maintain key services, facilities and community infrastructure; take local action on climate change; and support volunteering.

The Invitation to Tender to administer the scheme was published in March with a closing date of 2 May. Following evaluation, the contract for a delivery partner has been awarded to Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Services (CVS). The scheme is anticipated to start in the Summer.

The CRG scheme will typically support eligible capital and revenue projects between  $\pounds 5,000$  and  $\pounds 15,000$  with a grant intervention rate of up to 80%. The scheme also includes provision for larger community capital grants. The final

criteria for grants for larger capital projects will be developed in partnership with the CVS. It is anticipated that grants up to £20,000 to £25,000 may be available.

#### Intervention E14 - Site Feasibility Studies

This intervention prioritises site investigations, feasibility work, master-planning and other assessments to inform the delivery of strategic development sites, with a focus on sites on the edge of market towns.

The first site for intervention is Ashbourne Airfield, with the preparation of a masterplan for the whole of the Airfield site i.e. both phases 1 and 2 as identified within the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. Members will be aware that the new A52 link road, providing a much needed second access to the existing Airfield Industrial Estate and opening up phase 1 land for development was formally opened by Sarah Dines MP on 19 May. The overall site falls within two ownerships and discussions are to take place with the respective landowners regarding the draft specification and funding contributions towards this work.

Alongside commissioning feasibility studies, masterplans and other site-specific assessments it is proposed to utilise part of this allocation to develop additional 'enabling capacity' to support strategic sites work, particularly where private sector sites are stalled. This is likely to comprise additional temporary capacity within the Regeneration and Place team. Proposals will be developed for consideration by the Derbyshire Dales UKSPF Partnership.

#### Interventions E17/E23/E26/E32 Rural Innovation Grant (RIG) scheme

Grants for eligible SMEs with a focus on small and micro-businesses. The objectives of the grant fund are to: stimulate enterprise and innovation; enable businesses to access new markets; encourage green business growth; enhance business resilience; enhance business productivity and enable the creation of higher skilled/higher paid roles.

The scheme incorporates three levels of grant:

- *Business Adaptation Grant* for projects costing between £2,500 and £10,000. Grant intervention rate up to 80%. Open to a range of sectors including Retail, Visitor Economy and Farm Diversification;
- Business Development Grant for projects costing between £10,001 and £50,000. Grant intervention rate up to 50%. Open to a range of sectors especially Manufacturing; Engineering; Knowledge Based and Digital sectors;
- Business Growth Grant for projects costing between £50,001 up to £100,000. Grant intervention rate up to 40%. Open to the manufacturing (especially advanced manufacturing and food and drink manufacturing) and engineering (especially green and environmental engineering) sectors.

With the support of the Digital Transformation Team the grant criteria and on-line application form for the mid-tier Business Development Grant have been finalised and applications invited from registered eligible small and micro-businesses previously expressing an interest in grant funding. These grants will be administered 'in-house' and will operate under existing District Council Contract Standing Orders procurement thresholds which allow written quotations for all contracts with a value up to £30,000.

With regard to the Business Adaptation Grant (which involves the administration of a larger number of smaller grants), consideration is being given to procuring the delivery of this scheme through an external delivery partner (as per the approach with the CRG scheme), to be progressed when additional Economic Development team capacity is in place.

The position regarding the Business Growth Grant, this intervention is also identified as a delivery risk, is considered further at 2.8.

#### Intervention E23 - Business Start-Up Programme

Initiated under the Vision Derbyshire initiative and delivered by Derbyshire County Council, the business start-up programme provides free advice and grant support (up to £10,000 for eligible applications) to individuals starting their own business and new start businesses within the first year of trading. The service is provided by a dedicated advisor covering Derbyshire Dales and High Peak.

Following extension of the existing service to the end of the year (funded from pooled business rates funds), UKSPF funding has been allocated to enable the continuation of the service from January 2024. During 2022/23 the service enabled 15 new businesses to start in the Derbyshire Dales.

#### Interventions E23/24 - Business Support/Advice

To support established SMEs to enhance productivity and grow, and reduce their carbon footprint.

Generic support is to be delivered through the extension of the Council's established Derbyshire Dales Business Advice service (following the end of the ERDF funded Growth Hub contract).

The District Council is also working in partnership with five other Derbyshire districts to deliver a *Business Growth and Low Carbon Support Programme*, procured by North East Derbyshire DC. This programme will deliver business workshops and events, and more specialist de-carbonisation support. Subject to the outcome of the tender process (a verbal update will be provided at the meeting), the scheme is also due to start in the Summer.

#### Intervention E29 - Energy Audit and Carbon Reduction Support for SMEs

Energy advice and audits are to be delivered through the *Business Growth and Low Carbon Support Programme* (see above). Regarding low carbon grants, the approach is under consideration with other district council partners. The Rural Innovation Grant scheme also provides a potential route. Should this route be adopted, the grant criteria for the respective grants under the Rural Innovation Grant scheme would apply, as would the proposals in Section 3.4iv).

#### Procurement Issues: UKSPF Grants

2.8 With regard to delivery of the Business Growth Grant (first round closed 31 January 2023), additional government procurement guidance issued for UKSPF places similar requirements on business and community grant applicants – classed as 'non-contracting authorities' – as contracting authorities i.e. public sector organisations. Minimum procedures require a formal tender process for goods, supplies, services and works with a

contract value above £24,999 (3 written quotations are permissible below this limit) "....unless different thresholds have been approved internally via the LLA's appropriate internal governance process."

- 2.9 The threshold limit set for quotations is well below that operated by previous grant schemes such as the Defra and EU-funded Peak District LEADER and Rural Development Programme for England: these, as originally proposed for the UKSPF grant schemes, worked on the basis of three written quotations for items such as machinery and equipment.
- 2.10 Unfortunately, despite representations to government officials, the guidance / position remains unchanged. As a result, as the value of the main items of manufacturing and engineering equipment required by applicants typically exceeds this threshold (and the £30,000 threshold for quotations set by the District Council) the main items of equipment on the first round of Business Growth Grant applications ranged from £25,000 to £88,000 the Council has been unable to proceed with the Business Growth Grant as proposed. The first round of applicants have therefore been informed and supported (where possible) to access other funding opportunities (e.g. D2N2 Growth Hub Business Investment Fund underspend).
- 2.11 The requirement for small businesses and community organisations to seek formal tenders for relatively low value procurements, and for LLAs to be *"responsible for ensuring that these policies and procedures are applied by non-contracting authorities as appropriate, reported on and monitored"* is considered onerous, both for the organisations themselves and for the District Council to oversee.
- 2.12 The requirement is also likely to: a) act as a disincentive to potential grant applicants who would be required to prepare and advertise a formal invitation to tender for items of equipment (capital equipment is anticipated as being most in demand under the grant schemes) and b) slow down the grant application process considerably whilst tender processes are completed as applicants are required to submit firm costs with their application.
- 2.13 The matter was discussed at the UKSPF Partnership Board meeting held on 7 June and with the Leaders and Chair of the Committee on 19 June and officers have considered options for dealing with this matter. These are covered in the following section.

#### 3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

#### <u>Recruitment</u>

3.1 With regard to recruitment, as indicated the Council has been unsuccessful on two occasions with the appointment of a UKSPF Programme Coordinator. Options considered included: (i) attempting recruitment (for the same post) for a third time; (ii) re-prioritising roles within the existing team to support programme co-ordination; (iii) recruiting a *Claims and Monitoring Officer* in place of the Programme Co-ordinator role to support financial and performance monitoring and claims preparation and (iv) seek additional grant appraisal capacity via a third party provider and/or self-employed business advisors / consultants to support the existing team. As indicated earlier, option (i) has been discounted based on the experience of previous recruitment attempts and options (ii), (iii) and (iv) are all being progressed.

#### Matlock Western Gateway

3.2 Regarding the delivery risk associated with the Matlock Western Gateway scheme (Bakewell Road, Matlock), options for further assessment are due to be considered by Council on 27 July.

#### Procurement

- 3.3 To effectively deliver the Business Growth Grants requires Members to consider the Council's own procurement procedures, and formal Council approval of a change for this purpose only. Advice from Government is that there is scope for the Council to manage the grant schemes more flexibly by approving different thresholds via appropriate internal governance process. The Government has indicated that the Council can run a grant scheme with different thresholds as long as there is internal approval for that within the Council.
- 3.4 Following a review of procurement thresholds of neighbouring councils and (where available) a sample of other LLAs operating UKSPF grant schemes, the following options have been considered:
  - i) Retain existing Contract Standing Orders requirements for tenders for goods, supplies, services and works contracts with a value above £30,000 but less than £213,477 inclusive of VAT and require non-contracting authorities to follow District Council procedures. This approach incorporates time delay and is inappropriate for businesses seeking to buy equipment, some of which may be "off the shelf". This option is the 'do nothing' option and is not recommended.
  - ii) Retain existing Contract Standing Orders requirement for tenders for goods, supplies, services and works with a contract value above £30,000 but less than £213,477 inclusive of VAT and define minimum tender and advertising requirements for non-contracting authorities e.g. the advert would need to incorporate or direct any interested party to the following information:
    - details of the opportunity
    - what is required from all interested parties
    - how the successful tenderer will be chosen

- deadline and details of how to apply
- a conflict of interest statement.

Written justification would be required to demonstrate that the contract award is in-line with the advert and the opportunity would need to be advertised on the grant applicant's website (or other appropriate website) for a minimum of 10 days. Use of the government's Contracts Finder website would also be recommended.

Whilst such an approach has the advantage of a 'lighter touch' tendering regime, the disadvantages of this approach are that it still incorporates time delay but also imposes additional monitoring and approval requirements on the District Council – i.e. staff would need to audit procurement exercises to ensure compliance with the tender process. This option is not recommended.

- iii) Increase the Contract Standing Orders threshold requirement for tenders for all goods, supplies, services and works to contracts with a value over £75,000 but less than £213,477 inclusive of VAT. Whilst simple to apply, this option is not recommended because a universal cap of £75,000 for quotations for all goods, supplies, services and works procured by the Council (not just by businesses / organisations using Council / UKSPF grants) is considered too high.
- iv) Increase the Contract Standing Orders threshold requirement for tenders for goods / supplies and works to contracts with a value over £75,000 but less than £213,477 inclusive of VAT for the grants element of the UKSPF programme only. For contracts for the provision of goods / supplies (capital kit and equipment) and works with a value of £75,000 or below (ex VAT), the following requirements would apply:
  - 3 written quotations from relevant suppliers / competitive sources. The quotes must be based on: the same written specification (supplied to the Council with the quotations received); the same evaluation criteria and the same closing date. A minimum of 10 days for quotations would be recommended.

A documented record of the quotations sought, the evaluation process and decision to award must be retained by grant applicants for audit purposes. Only in exceptional circumstances e.g. contracts involving specialist items of equipment, will a lower number of quotations be acceptable.

- 3.5 The proposed approach is to make a specific amendment to Contract Standing Orders as set out in option iv) above. Members are asked to recommend to Council that the following waiver is added to Section 6 Exceptional Waivers of Contract Standing Orders:
  - 6.14 In the case of goods / supplies and works procured by businesses or community organisations seeking grant funding provided by the District Council acting in its role as Lead Local Authority for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the upper threshold for purchasing using three quotations shall be £75,000. A copy of the written specification and quotations obtained must be submitted with grant funding applications before such grant funding can be considered for approval. In such cases, a specific waiver report or record will not normally be required,

but the purchase will instead be recorded in the grant/monitoring information retained as part of the DLUHC claims process.

#### 4. Consultation

- 4.1 District Council Members and wider partners were consulted prior to submission of the UKSPF Investment Plan via workshops held in June 2022. Members subsequently approved the UKSPF Investment Plan for submission at 26 July 2022 Council. As reported at March 2023 Council, the UKSPF Partnership Board considered the options / approach to utilising REPF at its November 2022 meeting. The Partnership Board decided that the REPF top-up should be allocated to existing Derbyshire Dales UKSPF Investment Plan priorities / themes (in line with the existing evidence base and Member priorities) with business grants, community grants, and town centre improvements being the focus of the additional funding allocations.
- 4.2 The programme is based on consultation with Members and partners. Wider consultation has not been necessary as this report seeks to update on progress with the agreed programme and deal with operational matters.

#### 5. Timetable for Implementation

5.1 As indicated earlier in the report, UKSPF and REPF funding must be drawn down by 31 March 2025. Current delivery risks considered by the UKSPF Partnership Board are identified within the report.

#### 6. Policy Implications

- 6.1 The UKSPF proposals are closely linked to the Council's approved Economic Recovery Plan and Economic Plan.
- 6.2 Prosperity' is highlighted in the Corporate Plan 2020-24 as a District Council priority due to low local wages and high local house prices. The District Council specifically aims to: Support businesses to encourage productivity, growth, and higher wage jobs in rural and urban locations; and to: Promote investment to stimulate the economy of our market towns.

#### 7. Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 With the exception of the Economic Development Manager post and agreed input from the existing Economic Development and Finance Teams, the remaining additional costs associated with the administration of the programme, including business grants, are to be met from the UKSPF programme within the funding allocations identified within Table 1. As identified, a number of approaches to increase staff capacity are being pursued.
- 7.2 The District Council's funding contribution towards Intervention E1: Matlock Western Gateway/Bakewell Road scheme has been the subject of previous reports to Council and funding is allocated with the Capital programme.
- 7.3 Existing funding for E23: Business Start-Up Programme is via pooled business rates funding agreed by Derbyshire councils.

- 7.4 As highlighted in the report, delivery risks potentially impacting spend on individual projects have been identified. A further update will be provided as the position becomes clearer with regard to these projects.
- 7.5 Forecast costs, financed by UKSPF and REPF grants, have been included in the revenue budget and capital programme. Where spending did not take place during 2022/23, the unspent allocations have been carried forward to 2023/24, as explained in this report. Officers will monitor spending against budgets and take action where necessary to reduce the risk of overspends.
- 7.6 At the time of writing the revised annual expenditure profile is subject to agreement with DLUHC.
- 7.7 Taking account of the above, the financial risk has been assessed as Medium.

#### 8. Legal Advice and Implications

- 8.1 The Council is required to demonstrate a competitive process has been undertaken regarding the selection of projects to deliver Investment Plan interventions. Other than in those areas where direct delivery is being undertaken by the District Council (to include procurement of services of works following the Council's established procedures or delivered through business grants requiring a grant application via a competitive process) or via a local authority partnership already delivering the same activity which UKSPF proposes to extend, new activity is to be procured by either the Council or local authority delivery partner following its/their established procedures.
- 8.2 Contracts or Grant Funding Agreements (or an agreement of a similar standing) will be put in place with third parties delivering projects on behalf of the Council or awarded business grants.
- 8.3 External legal support was obtained regarding subsidy control prior to the Investment Plan submission. Grant schemes will operate under the Minimal Financial Assistance procedure and there have been no material changes to the content of the Investment Plan.
- 8.4 The proposed amendment to Contract Standing Orders will ensure that third parties are able to progress with procurement activity in accordance with the Council's rules and central government requirements.
- 8.5 Taking account of the above the legal risk has been assessed as low.

#### 9. Equalities Implications

9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has previously been prepared for the UKSPF Investment Plan and was considered at the Council meeting of 26 July 2022. There have been no material changes to the content of the Investment Plan.

#### 10. Climate Change Implications

- 10.1 Government guidance indicates that: Interventions supported by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will need to take account of other local and national policies and priorities including the government's commitment to reach Net Zero by 2050 and clean growth.
- 10.2 Derbyshire County Council's Climate Change Strategy: Achieving Net Zero 2021-25 identifies the low carbon economy as a strategic priority and commits 'to drive forward the transition to a zero carbon economy, through low carbon recovery and good growth, creating more and better jobs in the low carbon and clean technology sectors, increasing skill levels and fostering innovation within the county...'
- 10.3 The District Council itself has an approved Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, which acknowledges the authority's role in *'facilitating emissions reductions across the District'* and identifies ways in which support could be provided to local businesses to understand and reduce their emissions.
- 10.4 The interventions within the UKSPF Investment Plan align with the above local policies. Each has been evaluated in terms of climate change benefits, impacts and adaptations, and this was considered at the Council meeting of 26 July 2022. The evaluation was based on the principles identified and does not consider the delivery methods or attempt to quantify impacts. There have been no material changes to the content of the Investment Plan.
- 10.5 It should also be noted that delivery of each intervention will have an impact on the direct emissions of the authority where activities are delivered direct through the requirement for resource (e.g. principally through energy and travel requirements).

#### 11. Risk Management

- 11.1 The current main delivery risks for the programme have been highlighted within the report, specifically the:
  - challenges regarding recruitment
  - risk to capital expenditure associated with the Matlock Western Gateway (Bakewell Road, Matlock) scheme
  - procurement thresholds for UKSPF grants
- 11.2 The existing mitigating actions for each risk have also been identified within the report. These risks will continue to be monitored by the Derbyshire Dales UKSPF Partnership and a further report will be presented to C&E Committee to escalating decisions to address delivery risks should this be required.

### **Report Authorisation**

Approvals obtained from Statutory Officers:-

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Tim Braund, on	04/07/23
	behalf of Paul Wilson	
S.151 Officer	Karen Henriksen	23/06/2023
(or Financial Services Manager)		
Monitoring Officer	James McLaughlin	05/07/2023
(or Legal Services Manager)		